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FROM: IRP / Salzburg, Austria DR 440?		DATE OF REPORT 17 July 1956 jm		
SUBJECT IDENTIFYING DATA				
CLASS Expedee	IRP CONTROL NO. Salzburg-16.323	FAMILY GROUP NO'S. Salzburg-16.32h; 16.325		
NAME ZIEHRER	(SURNAME) Johann	(FIRST NAME)	(MIDDLE NAME)	(SEX) Male
ALIASES	PRESENT NATIONALITY Ethnic German from Romania			
DATE OF BIRTH 13 Oct	(MONTH) 1911	PLACE OF BIRTH Birk	(CITY) Romania	(COUNTRY)
ACCOMPANYING MINORS (NO SEPARATE REPORT PREPARED)				
NAME Johann Ziehrer	SEX Male	DATE OF BIRTH 20 Jun 1942	PLACE OF BIRTH Birk, Romania	IRP CONTROL NUMBER 8.16.325
A. RECORDS CHECKS				
U.S. RECORDS CHECK	RESULT NR	DATE 10 Jul 56	RESULTS CID, US Army, Linz Gendarmerie, Schardenberg Community Office, Schardenberg	DATE 18 Jun 1956 NR 2 Jul 1956
U.S. RESIDENCE - INS				R 2 Jul 1956
U.S. RESIDENCE - "B"				
OTHER CONSULAR DISTRICT RECORDS	NR	17 Jul 56		
56th CIC CIC	R	9 Jul 56		
Austrian Police	NR	20 Jun 56		
BDC	NR	25 Jun 56		
LEGEND: R RECORD; NR. NO RECORD				
B. SPLIT INVESTIGATIONS:				
C. REMARKS: .. ATTENTION IS INVITED TO PARAGRAPH (S) 8 and 16. "MILITARY & EXCLUDABILITY" DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOURCES METHODS EXEMPTION 3B2E NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT DATE 20-01 2007				
D. <i>Irene S. Taylor</i> Irene S. Taylor, Case Review Officer Frans Holm, Investigator 10 Investigator Reviewed by				
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NAME

REF CONTROL NO.

ZINER, Johann
SPONSOR(S) (NAME AND ADDRESS)

Salzburg-16.323

DETAILS:

On 2 Jul 1956, the files of the Community Office, Schardenberg, District Schaerding, Upper Austria, were examined regarding SUBJECT and the following information was revealed:

Name:	ZINER, Johann
Date of Birth:	13 Oct 1911
Place of Birth:	Birk, Romania
Nationality:	Ethnic German from Romania
Occupation:	Farmer and unskilled laborer
Marital Status:	Married since 1937
Religion:	Protestant
Wife:	Susanna Ziner nee Schindler, born 1 Mar 1914
Son:	Johann Ziner, born 29 Jun 1942
Daughter:	Susanna Ziner, born 15 Sep 1947
Residences:	7 May 1948 - to date Camp Schardenberg, District Schaerding; registered as coming from a prisoner-of-war camp

A check of records and field investigation revealed the following:

1. ZINER was born on 13 Oct 1911 in Birk, Romania.
2. SUBJECT'S father, Johann Ziner, lives in Birk, Romania; his mother, Maria Ziner nee Dinesch, died in 1912.
3. SUBJECT was married on 9 Jan 1937 in Birk to Susanna Ziner, who lives with him and his son, Johann. His daughter, Susanna, resides in Schaerding.
4. ZINER is an Ethnic German from Romania.
5. Investigation revealed that SUBJECT'S father, Johann Ziner, resides in Birk, Romania.
6. Since coming to Austria in 1948, SUBJECT has been living in Schardenberg.
7. Investigation revealed no derogatory information reflecting on SUBJECT'S health.
8. From 1933 to 1934 SUBJECT served in the Romanian Army; from 1943 to 1945 in the Waffen SS of the German Army; and from 1945 to 1948 he was a prisoner-of-war in an American prisoner-of-war camp in Germany.
9. Investigation revealed no derogatory information concerning SUBJECT'S political history.
10. SUBJECT has been a member of the Austrian Trade Union since 1948.
11. Investigation revealed that SUBJECT has never been arrested or had any trouble with the police.
12. From 1918 to 1926, SUBJECT attended elementary school in Birk, Romania. He is literate in the German, Romanian and Hungarian languages.
13. Since 1948, ZINER worked for various construction firms (Not further identified) in Upper Austria. At present he is employed with a construction firm in Mondsee.

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NAME SPOKESMAN (NAME AND ADDRESS) Johnson	DRP 44/0	IP CONTROL NO. Salisbury-16-323
DETAILS:		
14. The following persons were interviewed: Paul X. [redacted] (employment reference), born 22 Jun 1915, employee at the ANOP-57019 Flor in Niedersachsen (character reference), born 11 Oct 1923, residing in Camp Schleiden Suzanne [redacted] (character reference), born 7 Sep 1890, residing in Camp Schleiden Anton X. [redacted] (character reference), born 7 Sep 1890, residing in Camp Schleiden berg		
All persons interviewed generally praised SUBJECT and no derogatory information was developed as a result of these interviews.		
15. SUBJECT was not interviewed.		
16. 66th CIC Group, Stuttgart, Germany, reported the following information regarding SUBJECT on 9 July 1956: SUBJECT served in the Wehrmacht from 23 November 1943 until 23 November 1945 as a Rotter- scher. From 23 November 1943 to May 1945 SUBJECT was a guard at con- centration camps Mauthausen and Linz. (P-6) SUBJECT was convicted of the offense of aiding and participating in the operation of the Mauth- ausen Concentration Camp and sentenced by US Army Military Court on 3 August 1947 to three (3) years imprisonment commencing 6 May 1945. (C-2) SUBJECT was confined at Landsberg prison 13 August 1947. (C-2)		

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